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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/894,845

Group Art Unit: 1635

Filing Date: June 27, 2001

Examiner: J. Angell

Title: TOLERANCE AND CHRONIC HEPATITIS C VIRUS

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 7, 2002, with a shortened statutory period of one month for response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Restriction Requirement requires election of one of the following groups of claims to prosecute at this time:

Group I. Claims 1-15 and 41, drawn to a method for making a transgenic animal;

Group II. Claims 16-21, drawn to a transgenic animal;

Group III. Claims 22-25 and 42, directed to a screening method;

Group IV. Claims 26-36, directed to a method of treatment;

Group V. Claims 37-39, drawn to a method for modulating tolerance; and

Group VI. Claim 40, drawn to a therapeutic composition.

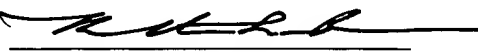
Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-15 and 41, drawn to a method for making a transgenic animal, without traverse. Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

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